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Section 208 – Snagging and Clearing

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What is it?

Section 208 gives the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers the authority to study, adopt and construct in stream clearing and snagging projects in the interest of flood control. These projects must comply with existing environmental regulations.

Who can apply?

Any non-Federal government entity can serve as the Sponsor for a Section 208 project. In some cases, non-government agencies may serve as Sponsors. All it takes is a simple request to the local Corps office and a representative will discuss your problem with you and let you know if you qualify for the program. All Section 208 Sponsors must comply with the Federal flood insurance plan and prepare floodplain management plans within one year of initiating an approved project and implement the plan within one year of project completion.

What does it cost?

- The initial \$40,000 of any Section 208 Feasibility Study is paid 100% by the Federal Government.
- All additional feasibility expenditures are cost shared at a rate of 65% Federal, 35% Sponsor. The Sponsor may contribute 100% of their share as in-kind services.
- Plans and specifications costs and construction costs are cost shared 65% Federal, 35% Sponsor. Plans and specifications costs are recouped at the beginning of the construction period.
- There is a spending cap of \$500,000 of Federal expenditure per Section 208 project.

How long does it take?

A typical Section 208 Planning and Design Analysis (PDA) takes up to 12 months depending on the complexity of the problem. The PDA includes all NEPA work as well as design work and benefit-cost analysis. Construction duration varies depending on the solution implemented, but is typically less than one year.